



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING

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1999 Broadway, Suite 3320

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July 30, 2001

UT-00077

Mr. David B. Miller, Business Manager
Lodestar Energy, Inc.
HC 35 P.O. Box 370
Helper, Utah 84526

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Dear Mr. Miller:

On July 9, 2001, the Department of the Interior approved a new mining plan for Federal lease UTU-74804 at Lodestar Energy, Inc.'s Horizon Mine. This mining plan action relates to Federal lands associated with Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining Permit No. C/007/020, for your mine and approved on May 8, 2001.

I have enclosed a copy of the mining plan approval document and associated map for this new mining plan. Please read the terms and conditions of the mining plan approval document carefully. Mining and reclamation operations must be conducted in accordance with both the Utah state permit and the approved mining plan.

The July 9, 2001, approval allows you to mine an additional 2.1 million tons of Federal coal from 406 acres of Federal lease UTU-74804, as shown on the attached map.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)844-1400 ext. 1465.

Sincerely,

Joseph O. Wilcox,
Project Manager

Enclosure

cc: BLM Price Field Office
- Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
OSM - Denver Field Division